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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The specification has been amended to correct an error in the statutory reference for the priority claim. A substitute abstract has been provided.

The claims are 14-26. The Examiner has rejected claims 14-25 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 5 and 11-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,579,977 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,698,265 to Mucalo et al.

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming, as provided therein, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,579,977. Applicants

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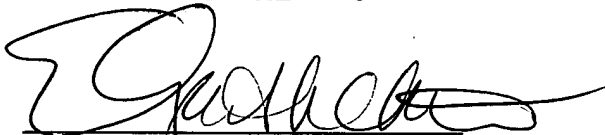
respectfully submit that the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and accordingly places claims 14-26 in condition for allowance.

Claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form.

Applicants believe that the remaining claims are written to overcome the rejections of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request early allowance of the remaining claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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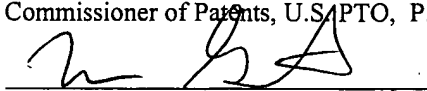


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ATTACHMENT “A”

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Filters and methods for producing filter paper or paper-like nonwoven material consisting partially or wholly of fibrous cellulose containing material. The filters provided are characterized by high filtration capacity and are capable of absorbing and binding undesirable foreign and attendant substances in the filter medium. The cellulose containing material of the filter is at least partially carbamided with urea and phosphorylated with phosphoric acid or ammonium phosphate until a nitrogen content in the form of carbamide groups of 1 to 4% and a phosphorous content of 3 to 8% are reached.